



INDIANA EARLY LEARNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Evaluation of Child Outcomes Workgroup

Meeting Minutes Summary

August 13, 2015

MEMBERS

Kevin Bain

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Attendees: Megan Purcell, Beth Stroh, Beth Barrett, Beth Eiler, Kevin Bain, Barbara Beaulieu, Amanda Lopez, Michael Conn-Powers (Guest Presenter)

Key Topics Discussed:

- The full workgroup meeting included Michael Conn-Powers' presentation on the preliminary results of the Early Education Matching Grant (EEMG) program evaluation. Some of the key highlights from the presentation include:
 - Children started the program developmentally behind (based on the assessments) but "caught up" by the end of the program.
 - Children made gains in ELA and Math.
 - Areas for further focus include social emotional development, classroom organization and instruction.
- Megan reported that the Head Start outcomes survey is ready to be disseminated. It was reviewed by Head Start Association members.
 - Cheryl has agreed to send out the survey before the next workgroup meeting.
 - Megan will collect and review the survey data.
- The kindergarten assessment definitions white paper is final and will be presented to ELAC at the August meeting.

Key Questions Raised:

1. Several discussion questions were raised during Michael's presentation around sample size, assessments, and reasons for improvements or lack of improvements and possible changes for year 2.

Action Steps:

1. Megan will take the lead on getting the Head Start outcomes survey disseminated and collecting data.
2. Megan is presenting the white paper on kindergarten assessments at the August ELAC meeting.
3. The next meeting will discuss the status of the statewide kindergarten assessment practices in schools survey.



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Next Meeting:

Date: Thursday, September 10, 2015, 1:00 – 3:00pm

Location: United Way of Central Indiana (Boardroom TBD)

3901 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208

Conference Line: TBD

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